

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEEP BLUE TIMBER SALE

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for a proposed timber sale. The proposed sale will be known as the Deep Blue Timber Sale.

The proposed sale is located approximately 11 air miles northwest of Thompson Falls, MT in the Deep Creek drainage in the Common Schools Trust Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 30 West. The sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve a seed tree and shelterwood harvest with ground based logging systems. The sale may require new and/or reconstruction of roads and would include some minor improvements on existing roads. This sale would likely sell in the spring 2012 and is projected to generate approximately 1.5 million board feet of timber.

This sale is being considered to generate revenue the Common Schools Trust Fund, minimize the timber value loss due to insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in these areas.

In this early stage of the planning process for this timber sale, we are evaluating and identifying environmental and social concerns. We are asking your assistance in this process by letting us know what ideas, issues, and concerns you may have with regard to resource management in these areas. Additional information relating to this project is available at the Plains Office. To ensure your comments are included in the planning process, please submit them to the Plains office by Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

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